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TWO BAD WOMEN.

Notorious Colored Characters Get Into a
Bloody Affray.

Late Saturday afternoon Fannie Wright, a notorious colored character, stabbed Min Saunders in the back inflicting serious, if not fatal wounds. The wounded woman is also well known in police court.

Fannie Wright and the wounded woman have long been associates and friends. When one got into trouble, the other was generally in the same trouble. Both women are pugnacious. Either will fight at a moment's notice and they generally carry weapons of one character or another.

The Saunders woman was standing on the sidewalk in front of Krauss' harness store in North Topeka, talking to a colored character named "Chippie" Smith. Fannie Wright came down on the other side of the street and seeing the pair crossed to where they stood. She turned to Smith and said: "What are you talking to that b— for?" The insult was at once resented by the Saunders woman, who struck out boldly with her fist, striking Fannie Wright a stinging blow. She staggered, but at once drew a knife from her pocket and while Smith and a pal, named Dick Justice, held Min Saunders, she plunged the knife three times into the woman's back.

The wounded woman says that after she got away from the men she picked up a brick and hit the other woman on the head. The Wright woman says she was struck by the brick before she took the knife from her pocket.

Fanny Wright is locked up awaiting the hearing which will be held on Wednesday.

The police have a small pocket knife with which they say the cutting was done. The longest edge is not more than two inches and a half in length.

The wounded woman is still alive and it is thought she will recover.

The STATE JOURNAL'S Want and Miscellaneous columns reach each working day in the week more than twice as many Topeka people as can be reached through any other paper. This is a fact.

What makes a house a home? The mother well, the children rosy, the father in good health and good humor. All brought about by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It recommends itself. J. K. Jones.

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Shirtings at TOPEKA SHIRT MFG. CO.

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FOR SALE—A good, gentle driving mare, suitable for women to drive; also buggy and harness at less than buggy cost. Thompson Bros., 628 Kan. ave.

FOR SALE—The furniture in eleven completely furnished rooms. Will sell cheap. Sold in one lot. Inquire 300 Kansas ave.

FOR SALE—Fresh cows for sale at all times—Jerseys, Holsteins and Shorthorns, at Union stockyards, North Topeka.

I AM a candidate for clerk of the district court subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. E. M. COCKRELL.

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Underwriter

Shoe Sale.

The Boston Shoe Co.

511 KANSAS AVENUE.

Will have open and on sale Monday, March 19, a \$10,000 new stock of all kinds of the latest novelties of Footwear bought of the underwriters at Lynn, Mass., at 60 cents on the dollar and which will be slaughtered this week.

We quote you a few of the Many Bargains:

Latest style of Ladies' Fine French Kid, hand turned and sewed, \$6.00 shoes, in any lot desired. \$3.00
Ladies' fine welt sewed, turned \$4 shoes, latest patterns in cloth top Philadelphia toe, patent tip, \$2.50 shoes, best \$2.50 shoe in the state. 1.48
Ladies' fine hand turned Mulligan shoe, Prince Albert shoes, \$2.50 and \$3.00 goods, go at \$1.50 and. 1.75
Ladies' Dongola Kid, patent tip Oxford, 50
Men's hand sewed cordovan and French calf shoes, any style toe and width desired. 3.50
Men's hand sewed Kangaroo and calf, best \$5 shoe ever offered by day dealer, or all go at. 3.00
Men's low cut Dongola, patent tip and russet, \$4 shoes, go at. 2.50
Men's low cut Dongola, patent tip and calf, \$2.50 shoes, go at. 1.50
Men's sewed \$2 calf shoes, best ever offered, all go this week at. 1.00
Men's Fancy Embroidered Slippers. 50

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AN OLD HYPOCRITE.

Last Legislative Work of Col.
Breckinridge,

Was to Introduce Bills for Pro-
moting Morality.

HILL'S TARIFF TALK

Still Causes Comment Among
the Senators.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—[Special.]—The various committees having the most to do directly with the people's money have about finished their work and have furnished the house with some surprises. When Mr. Cooper of Indiana introduced his bill for the taxation of greenbacks at the same rate as other money, it was greeted with a good natured smile and looked upon as merely a mild piece of Populistic legislation. It therefore attracted attention when the committee reported by 2 to 1 in favor of the bill and excited some inquiry as to their reasons, as it had generally been taken for granted that taxation of the federal government's obligations in any form was unconstitutional. The committee has decided, however, that this is not strictly true, and that the privilege of non-taxation may be waived by the accredited agents of the government. To this conclusion the members were led by the argument in Judge Cooley's work on taxation, which is the standard authority in the house on such matters.

The question of Taxation. The author argues the case clearly, shows that the exemption from taxation is only deduced from the general power of the government to sustain and strengthen its credit and then states in express words that congress has the power to declare government legal tender subject to tax. Under certain circumstances as it may see fit to prescribe. The committee agree that the reason is absolutely conclusive, and that congress can therefore make greenbacks or any other government obligation used as money taxable. They differ on the question of expediency. On that point the two-thirds majority have some really stunning figures tending to show that more than half of all the paper money in the country escapes taxation under cover of the greenbacks.

In one case reported a single individual had on hand \$125,000 in greenbacks. When the assessor called and did not pay a cent of tax on money. The history shows that in the struggle to maintain its credit in war times the government made everything nontaxable which was even indirectly a government support, even the national bank shares. Such opposition was excited that in time the latter were made taxable. The committee is confident of passing the Cooper bill through both houses, and thus putting all forms of currency on the same level of taxation.

The Ford Theater Disaster. When the full details of the disaster at the old Ford theater on June 9 last year were first given to the country, there was a universal feeling that the sufferers should receive exemplary damages in some form. Individual bills were brought into congress for paying the various claimants, the largest being that introduced by Senator Voorhees for paying \$10,000 to Captain John B. Dowd. He is the man whose case excited so much attention, as he lay for hours under an immense heap of bricks and iron girders, and when taken out was supposed to be crushed out of all semblance to humanity. In fact, his presence under the heap was only a temporary accident after the search had been abandoned.

Such was the skill of the surgeons, however, or the remarkable force of his constitution that he recovered without the loss of bone or limb and is once more able to work at his desk in the record and pension office of the war department. As he was a soldier of splendid record and twice wounded in the civil war, it was thought his case should be made special, but as representatives of the 23 who were killed and all the 79 who were injured put in their claims the whole matter rested until a short time ago the senate appointed a special committee of five of which Senator Harris is chairman, to report on all the cases. They have just appointed a board of three surgeons, and now it is promised that every sufferer will be paid according to his injuries. But there are too many indications that the delay will be as with many other claims against the government.

Janus Faced Breckinridge. The colleagues of the unfortunate Breckinridge continue to bring up facts of a more or less painful nature in the retrospect, one of them being that the last legislative work he did before taking his place as senator as defendant in the introduction of bills for the promotion of general morality. They did not bear that title, of course. One is a bill requiring people who live in boats on navigable rivers to take out license for so doing, which would subject them to the same regulations as at present boats. The other Breckinridge bill is one to prevent secular labor on Sunday in this district and other places subject to congressional legislation, except in cases of extreme necessity.

The Tariff Bill. The speech of Senator Hill on the tariff, as might have been expected, has been the subject of general conversation, and there is no attempt of the advocates of the bill to deny that it has had a depressing effect nor to conceal their apprehension that the bill may be defeated in the senate. The general feeling was evinced by the immense crowd which struggled for an entrance to the galleries, while the floor was well filled by members of the house, there being a mere squad in the latter chamber to discuss District of Columbia matters. It was known in advance that with the income tax measure retained the bill would lose three Democratic votes certainly and possibly five, while the House of Commons would lose all the Populist votes. In either event the margin would be so narrow, even if the opponents contented themselves by not voting instead of voting against it, that the chances were rather against the passage of the bill. The uncertainty is of course greatly increased not only by Senator Hill's attack on the income tax feature, but still more by his severe criticism of the administration. It is generally conceded that the chances are at present rather against the bill.

TALK OF SECESSION.

This Time It Springs Up in Lincoln,
Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 16.—The text of a remarkable letter which will be handed to Governor Waite, addressed to that executive and the legislature of Colorado, today, was given to the public by the press of this city on Sunday. The author is a resident of Oklahoma, but formerly of Lincoln. It is a call for the secession of all states west of the Mississippi, and its author claims it will be signed by prominent men in Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado and other states. What action Governor Waite will take is mere conjecture.

The letter reviews the history of the United States for the past twenty-five years and suggests that the country is too unwieldy to be governed by one executive. The interests of the western states are antagonistic to those of the east, and the silver of the former has been legislated into a valueless commodity equipped with a tariff, a protective doctrine and the poor are crying for bread. Before the 80s slaves enriched their owners by their labors, but today the white slaves of the west are struggling to fill the capacious maws of eastern plutocracy.

It states that the remedy lies in the dissolution of the Union and the organization of a separate government of the west. Make Galveston the New York of the new republic, call a session of congress and withdraw peacefully if possible, but if force is necessary the west is just as well equipped as the east and will be able to fight its own battles.

The letter advises that its views are coincided in by leading men in twenty western states, and the signers believe that secession is the solution of the labor, silver and the western problems.

SENATOR HILL IS HISSED.

A Big Meeting at Chickering Hall Express Disapproval.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Senator David B. Hill was vigorously hissed last evening in Chickering hall. The occasion was a meeting under the auspices of the Manhattan Single Tax club and the hisses were called forth by a speech from congressman Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, Ohio, who arraigned Mr. Hill for his tariff speech.

"There stood the seniors of New York," he said, "for two hours, reading his speech which sounded just like McKinley and all the rest of the protectionists. Judge Maguire and I sat there and enjoyed it, especially at the finish."

After Mr. Johnson had discussed single tax, he announced that he would answer questions, and a man in the audience wanted to know by what right the Ohio congressman came to New York to insult Dave Hill, "the greatest living Democrat."

Mr. Johnson had no opportunity to answer this question for a minute or so. There were hisses, cat-calls, and cries of "Hill is a traitor to the Democracy."

When quiet was restored, Mr. Johnson said he would answer all questions that had direct bearing on his speech, and the same man asked if Mr. Hill was not at right in denouncing the income tax. "He was right in opposing the income tax, but when he advanced the doctrine of protection, which his party denounced as a fraud, then he went out of the Democratic party," Mr. Johnson replied, and there was an outburst of cheers.

A QUEER STATEMENT.

Home Missionary Church in North Topeka.

At Westminster Presbyterian church Sunday two elders, Messrs. L. L. Astell and J. M. Morgan, and two deacons, Messrs. S. D. Rose and Myron Astell, were ordained and installed. Mrs. Wells, who is working in the interests of the Home mission board, delivered an address. She said particular stress on the subject of Mormonism. "I am told," she said, "that you need not go out to Utah to try to convert them, you have a church in North Topeka that is exactly Mormonistic, I'm told." It is not known just what church she referred to. It appears she must have been misinformed. She said that polygamy instead of being suppressed has taken a different form. Now the formal marriage ceremony is only performed with one and the extra number of wives simply live with the man as formerly. The address was interesting.

WANT TO CRUSH IT.

Railway Union and the Grand Chiefs of Board Final Endowed.

CHICAGO, April 16.—A local paper declares that it is now settled that within the next week or ten days strikes will be declared on several northwestern roads running out of Chicago. Arrangements are about completed for the inauguration of a struggle with Pacific coast lines. The contest will be more interesting in that it will involve all the existing brotherhoods after the manner of a three-cornered fight, in which the other organizations will seek to annihilate the Railway Union.

Beginning today the work of organizing Northern Pacific employees in the name of the American Railway Union will be pushed rapidly forward.

A bitter war between members of the Union and the grand chiefs of the engineers, firemen and trainmen's orders is looked for.

WAITE VICTORIOUS.

His Fight With Denver Fire and Police Board Final Endowed.

DENVER, April 16.—The supreme court has just granted the writ of *habeas corpus* in the fire and police court controversy, and ordered the old board to turn over the offices at noon tomorrow.

This is a complete victory for Governor Waite. It is the general opinion here that Gov. Waite acted within the provisions of the law, and the opposition on part of the old board to complying with his demand for its resignation existed purely because of the personal and political advantages the positions offered. There have been no demonstrations of any nature and the city is absolutely peaceful.

More Income Tax in England.

LONDON, April 16.—The budget which was laid before the House of Commons today, provides for an increase of 1 d. on the pound sterling on the income tax.

Kansas City and Return \$2.00.

On April 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st the great Rock Island Route will sell tickets to Kansas City and return for two dollars, good to return on or before April 22d.

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NEWS OF KANSAS.

A Curious Woman Wayfarer
Arrives at Ft. Scott,

Having Walked All the Way
From Indiana.

OTHER STATE NEWS.

Leavenworth's New Bridge
Threatened by the River.

FORT SCOTT, April 16.—A woman giving her name as Mary Swim is now at the city prison, having walked from Evansville, Ind., to this place. She started on the 1st of March 15. She is a woman of decent appearance, is forty years old, and quite intelligent, though she says she has never had much education.

She is a quarter blood Cherokee Indian by descent and was born in Baird county, Kentucky, and lived there for many years, and is now going to her uncle at Vyan station, in the Cherokee county, Indian Territory, where she will claim her rights as a Cherokee and live among the Indians.

The woman has been barefooted for two days and her feet are much swollen from tramping the mud. She walks because she is afraid if she tries to beat her way she might get caught in a wreck, and also because she hates to beg.

Four cents is all the money in her possession and she doesn't seem to be a bit worried about the future. She smokes a pipe, carries an umbrella, two cloaks and a dinner bucket, though possessing no weapon except a pocket knife.

STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES.

Sumner, Finney, Kingman and Lane County Republicans Have Chosen Delegates.

WELLINGTON, April 16.—The following is a list of the delegates from Sumner county to the state convention: Alex. Williams, J. W. Forney, Geo. W. Cain, H. R. Laughlin, W. E. Atchison, Wm. Hardenbrook, W. M. Copeland, Dr. D. F. Janeway, T. A. Hubbard, W. H. Carnes, Samuel Price, L. P. Downer, J. T. Shewalter, R. T. Simons, J. F. Robertson, W. P. Hunter, J. C. F. Horne, L. N. Cooper and Robert Johnson.

GARDEN CITY, April 16.—The Republicans of Finney county have selected the following as delegates to the state convention: Judge A. J. Abbott, Senator Milton Brown, Hon. D. M. Frost and Hon. John Speer.

KINGMAN, April 16.—Following are the delegates from Kingman county: Martin Albright, J. L. Bower, John McFall, W. M. Weeks, P. B. Gillett, R. D. Faught and L. A. Russell.

DIGHTON, April 16.—F. W. King and H. J. Woodhouser have been selected by Lane county Republicans as delegates to the state convention.

THE BRIDGE THREATENED.

Leavenworth's New Structure Threatened by the Missouri River.

LEAVENWORTH, April 16.—The rise in the river here has created considerable alarm for the safety of the new bridge. The current of the Missouri river turned direct against the railroad grade about 1,000 feet from the east end of the bridge, about \$3,000 worth of damage was done, and the bridge threatened. Sixteen cars of shale from the coal mines were obtained, and dropped over the edge of the grade into the water.

The dike protecting the Missouri side of the bridge is under water, and the sandy earth of the railroad grade is rapidly eating away.

An immense whirlpool has formed which, first attacking the south side, runs north up stream, cutting away the earth from beneath the east end of the bridge, and then whirls with terrific force against the north side of the grade.

MISSOURI OVERFLOWS.

Considerable Uneasiness Felt for Santa Fe Tracks Near Winthrop.

ATCHISON, April 16.—The river has overflowed its banks in the vicinity of the Santa Fe tracks above Winthrop, causing the officials of that road considerable uneasiness. All the section gangs from Atchison to St. Joseph were called to the scene and an effort will be made to prevent the stream making further encroachments upon the property in that vicinity.

The work will be only temporary and it is not known as yet whether any good will be accomplished. The high water is thoroughly saturating the river bank and when it begins to fall, it is thought the land will fall in very rapidly.

WICHITA MAN'S INVENTION.

A Railroad Lamp That Changes Color at the Touch of a Spring.

WICHITA, April 16.—John Higgins, for many years conductor on the Missouri Pacific road, has invented a patent railroad lamp, which is one of the most feasible things of the kind yet presented.

By the simple touch of a spring it changes from a white light to a red light, and, if adopted and put into general use, there is no doubt but what it will prevent last night in the Missouri Pacific yards and it worked like a charm.

WICHITA GRAIN CONGRESS.

Dealers From Mobile to Galveston Will Attend Tuesday.

WICHITA, April 16.—A large number of exporters and grain dealers at the various gulf points from Mobile to Galveston have notified the board of trade of Wichita of their intention of being present in delegations and participating in the grain congress, which meets in this city next Tuesday.

It is especially requested by them and the board here that the local grain dealers and of Kansas be present.

Fifty-six Converts at Lawrence.

LAWRENCE, April 16.—The sixth week of the revival meetings conducted in this city by Rev. J. A. L. Romig and Prof. Dawdy, have come to a close. The meetings have been attended by very large crowds, the number sometimes reaching over 1000. There has been a number of special temperance meetings and these have been attended by the largest crowds of the meeting. There have been fifty-six converts since the meetings began.

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IRRIGATORS ARE HERE.

Conference of Those Interested in the
Matter Begins at Topeka.

The Kansas Irrigation convention is in session in the rooms of the state board of agriculture.

Last October a national irrigation congress was held at Los Angeles, Cal. That congress named a national committee-man for each state. He was empowered to name a state commission to meet at such times as might be satisfactorily arranged. At the meetings questions as to a means of interesting the general government in irrigation and other matters will be discussed. It is hoped that congress may be led to appropriate funds to prosecute experiments as the best plans for securing a water supply for the semi-arid lands in the west.

After the state commissions have considered questions of interest a national convention of the state commissions will be held. The convention will probably meet at Denver, at a date not yet fixed. The meeting today is simply a conference of the commission. Tomorrow men prominent in irrigation investigation will appear before the members of the commission, to discuss the most feasible plans for irrigating western Kansas.

The members of the commission are: Judge J. W. Gregory, Garden City; chairman; V. H. Grinstead, Dighton; E. D. Coburn, Topeka; L. Baldwin, Great Bend; A. B. Montgomery, Goodland.

FIRE AT A WEDDING.

Hesse-Coburg Wedding Preparations
Thrown Into Confusion By Fire.

CORVUS, April 16.—In the midst of the preparations for the Hesse-Coburg wedding today, fire broke out at 4 o'clock in the hotel Bellevue on the Schloss platz, almost next door to the palace. The hotel was soon a mass of flames, and a strong force of troops in addition to the firemen, were sent to the spot.

Among the spectators was the duke of Saxe-Coburg (the duke of Edinburgh). For a time the greatest excitement prevailed in the ducal palace, as the flames were swept in that direction, and threatened to set fire to it.

Luckily the wind veered and the palace was spared.

CITIZENS CRESTFALLEN.

West Side Chicagoans Can't Get Garfield Race Track Abolished.

CHICAGO, April 16.—A delegation of prominent west side citizens called on Mayor Hopkins to-day to protest against the opening of the Garfield Park race track.

They informed the mayor the track had previously been conducted in a disgraceful and lawless manner and that its influence was extremely harmful to the city.

Mr. Hopkins refused to say what action he would take but remarked, in a general way that he is not opposed to race tracks. The delegation departed crestfallen and it is generally believed that racing will be resumed at the track.

JUST LIKE A MAN.

Mrs. Pulliam, City Treasurer of Fort Scott But in Her Account.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., April 16.—An expert investigation of the books of the city treasurer, Mrs. E. R. Pulliam of this city, the only female city treasurer in the state, makes it appear that she is \$1,300 short in her accounts.

She has been suspended pending further investigation and her bondsmen have taken the matter up and it is not thought she has been dishonest, but that the shortage is due to some one having obtained the money by illegal means.

Samoa to go to Germany.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The Herald's Berlin dispatch says: It is understood that the foreign office here is prepared to claim a protectorate over Samoa as the best solution of the present complications in case the American senate first approves a resolution that the United States withdraw from the Samoan agreement.

New York Stock Market.
American Sugar Ref'y, 97½; A. T. S. F., 15½; C. B. & Q., 81¼; Erie, 15½; L. & N., 50½; Missouri Pacific, 30½; Reading, 20½; New England, 11½; Rock Island, 70½; St. Paul, 62½; Union Pacific, 20½; Western Union, 84½; Chicago Gas, 65½; Corgage, 21½.

H. F. Stover is a candidate for county commissioner, subject to the Republican primaries. He has lived in Shawnee county over fifteen years and during the war served in Battery C, 3rd Pa. artillery. He has never before been a candidate for office.

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TO-DAY'S MARKET REPORT.

Furnished by W. F. Federman, Broker in
Grain, Provisions and Stocks. Real Estate
Building, corner Seventh and Jackson
streets.

Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Wheat was weak today on weak cables, fine weather, an increase on passing and May liquidation. May started ½c lower at 59½c, touched 59½c, and reacted to 59½c. The crowd was bearish, the selling being led by Lester and Baldwin & Farnum.

Corn was independently steady on a little buying. May opened ½c lower at 83½c and advanced to 83½c.

Oats—Easy. May 32.

Provisions were higher on an advance in the prices at the yards and some buying.

May pork opened 20c higher at \$13, advanced to \$13.20.

May lard \$7.00.

Butter—Quiet; unchanged.

Eggs—Easier; strictly fresh 10½c.

Receipts—Wheat 32,000 bushels, corn 105,000 bushels, oats 224,000 bushels.

Shipments—Wheat 340,000 bushels, corn 695,000 bushels, oats 103,000 bushels.

Estimated receipts for Tuesday:

Wheat 105 cars, corn 350 cars, oats 227 cars; hogs 17,000 head.

APRIL 16.

Up'd High Low, Cl'd %

WHEAT—Apr. 59½ 60 58½ 60 59½

May 59½ 60½ 59½ 61½ 60½

July 61½ 62½ 61½ 62½ 62

Sept. 63½ 64 61½ 64 63½

CORN—Apr. 37½ 38½ 37½ 38½ 38

May 38½